

Three Delaware schools receive national Blue Ribbon honors

Three Delaware schools are among 342 schools that U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos recognized today as National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2017. The recognition is based on a school's overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

East Millsboro Elementary School in the Indian River School District, Olive B. Loss Elementary School in the Appoquinimink School District, and Seaford Central Elementary School in the Seaford School District are among the schools that will be honored at an awards ceremony November 6 and 7 in Washington, D.C. The school leaders: Kelly Dorman (East Millsboro Elementary School), Lorraine Lybarger and Jenine Thomas (Olive B. Loss Elementary School), and Becky Neubert (Seaford Central Elementary School) will be invited to attend the national awards ceremony with a teacher representative from each of their schools.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students achieve very high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap.

This coveted award affirms the hard work of educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming

schools where students master challenging and engaging content. Now in its 35th year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed recognition on more than 8,500 schools.

All schools are honored in one of two performance categories, based on all student scores, subgroup student scores and graduation rates:

- Exemplary High Performing Schools are among their state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests.
- Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools are among their state's highest performing schools in closing achievement gaps between a school's subgroups and all students over the past five years.

Up to 420 schools may be nominated each year. The Department invites National Blue Ribbon School nominations from the top education official in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Department of Defense Education Activity and the Bureau of Indian Education. Private schools are nominated by The Council for American Private Education (CAPE).

A listing of all National Blue Ribbon Schools in Delaware:

East Millsboro Elementary School – Millsboro – 2017

Olive B. Loss Elementary School – Bear – 2017

Seaford Central Elementary School- Seaford – 2017

Christ the Teacher Catholic School – Newark – 2016

Dover Air Force Base Middle School– Dover – 2016

Newark Charter School – Newark – 2016

St. John the Beloved School-Wilmington-2016

Sussex Academy– Georgetown – 2016

Cape Henlopen High School– Lewes – 2015

Lake Forest East Elementary School – Frederica – 2015

W. B. Simpson Elementary School – Wyoming – 2015

The Academy of Dover – Dover – 2014

John M. Clayton Elementary School – Frankford – 2014

Lake Forest North Elementary School – Felton – 2014

The Charter School of Wilmington – Wilmington – 2013

Richard A. Shields Elementary School – Lewes – 2013

Allen Frear Elementary School – Dover – 2013

Linden Hill Elementary School – Wilmington – 2012

Harry O. Eisenberg Elementary School – New Castle – 2012

Star Hill Elementary School – Dover – 2012

West Park Place Elementary School – Newark – 2011

Long Neck Elementary School – Millsboro – 2011

Nellie Hughes Stokes Elementary School – Dover – 2011

Christ the Teacher Catholic School – Newark – 2010

Newark Charter School – Newark – 2010

Robert S. Gallaher Elementary School – Newark – 2010

Woodbridge Elementary School – Greenwood – 2010

Marbrook Elementary School – Wilmington – 2009

East Millsboro Elementary School – Millsboro -2 008

Sussex Technical High School – Georgetown – 2008

Lancashire Elementary School – Wilmington – 2007

Etta J. Wilson Elementary School – Newark – 2007

Joseph M. McVey Elementary School – Newark – 2007

North Georgetown Elementary School – Georgetown – 2006

Lake Forest East Elementary School-Frederica – 2006

Fairview Elementary School – Dover – 2006

Long Neck Elementary School – Millsboro – 2005

Booker T. Washington Elementary School – Dover – 2005

Lulu M. Ross Elementary School – Milford – 2004

Frankford Elementary School – Frankford – 2004

Phillip C. Showell Elementary School – Selbyville – 2003

Corpus Christi Elementary School – Wilmington – 2001

Lord Baltimore Elementary School – Ocean View – 2001

Padua Academy – Wilmington – 1996

Seaford Middle School – Seaford – 1996

Sussex Technical High School – Georgetown – 1996

St. Matthew School – Wilmington – 1992

Corpus Christi School – Wilmington – 1990

Dover High School – Dover – 1987

Skyline Middle School – Wilmington – 1985

Christiana High School – Newark – 1984

Caesar Rodney Senior High School – Camden – 1984

Brandywine High School – Wilmington – 1983

Shue Middle School – Newark – 1983